

**To the Student:**

After your registration is complete and your proctor has been approved, you may take the Credit by Examination for English 11A.

WHAT TO BRING

- several No. 2 sharpened pencils
- blue or black ink pen
- notebook paper

ABOUT THE EXAM

The exam will consist of five parts: vocabulary, literature (short stories, poems, etc.), Arthur Miller's play *The Crucible*, mechanics and usage, and an essay. There will be 80 multiple-choice questions, and the essay will be worth 20 points. You will have three hours to complete the exam.

The examination is based on the Essential Knowledge and Skills for this subject. **You must prepare for the exam by reading *The Crucible*.** If you do not have the textbooks or any other study material available locally, you may contact the Outreach & Distance Education Bookstore. The bookstore carries the textbooks used with our English 11A Distance Education course. The textbooks are as follows:

Applebee, Arthur N. et al., eds. *The Language of Literature: American Literature*. Evanston, Illinois: McDougal Littell, 2000. (ISBN 0-395-93181-9)

Hobbs, Renee, Lee Odell, Richard Vacca, and John Warriner. *Elements of Language: Fifth Course*. Austin, Texas: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 2001. (ISBN 0-03-052668-X)

There is also a sample examination included with this letter. The sample exam will give you a model of the types of questions that will be asked on your examination. It is not a duplicate of the actual examination. It is provided to illustrate the format of the exam, not to serve as a review sheet. In order to be successful on the examination, you must study and review all of the material covered in the course. This material is listed on the pages that follow this letter.

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Good luck on your examination!

Preparation

Understanding literature includes understanding literary terms used to discuss written works. The vocabulary section of the exam will test your knowledge of these terms. The following is a *partial* list of words that you may encounter on the exam:

allegory	foreshadowing	Rationalism
alliteration	imagery	rhyme
allusion	irony	Romanticism
aphorism	metaphor	simile
atmosphere	motif	symbolism
characterization	onomatopoeia	synecdoche
climax	personification	tone
denouement	point of view	Transcendentalism
epigram	protagonist	
flashback	Puritanism	

The questions about literature cover American writings from about 1492 (Columbus) to the mid-19th century. You should have a good understanding of the general beliefs of the Puritans, Rationalists, Romantics, and Transcendentalists. If you have a copy of *The Language of Literature*, studying the time lines and reading the introductory information for each unit will be helpful. If you do not have a copy of this particular text, study the first half of any anthology of American literature.

The only required reading for this exam is the play *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller.

The vocabulary questions will require you to use **context clues** in the sentence to determine word meanings. This type of testing is very similar to the questions on the TAKS exam, so you may want to study TAKS preparation materials for this portion of the test.

You will also answer questions about mechanics and usage. You may want to review your grammar skills. Be familiar with rules for capitalization, punctuation, word usage, and so forth.

Rarely does a credit by exam that is missing an essay receive a passing score. Please plan to take the time to write a well-constructed essay. You will turn in any brainstorming and rough drafting that you do. Your essay should be approximately 1½ to 2 handwritten pages long. You will need to bring some lined paper with you to the testing location or call there to see if some will be provided for you. Also, plan to use blue or black ink, not pencil.

CBE Sample Exam

For questions 1-4, match each literary term with its correct definition.

1. lines grouped and set off to form a division A. mood
 2. a character, incident, or idea that recurs in various works or in various parts of the same work B. motif
 3. the overall atmosphere of a work C. protagonist
 4. the leading character of a literary work D. stanza
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5. The earliest American writing comes from which three groups?
 - A. Puritans, Transcendentalists, Naturalists
 - B. Romantics, Cavaliers, Realists
 - C. English noblemen, Classicists, Existentialists
 - D. Southerners, New Englanders, Native Americans
 6. Which statement is *not* spoken by a rationalist?
 - A. "Church and State should be separate."
 - B. "I beg your pardon! America is a theocracy!"
 - C. "Man can perceive 'self-evident' truths."
 - D. "Scientific discoveries enhance civilization."
 7. "...Quoth the Raven, 'Nevermore'" is an example of what literary device?
 - A. allusion
 - B. alliteration
 - C. rhyme
 - D. personification
 - E. onomatopoeia
 8. Both Emerson and Thoreau stressed relying on yourself.
 - A. True
 - B. False
 9. Which of these is *not* emphasized as a part of the definition of Transcendentalism?
 - A. the innate goodness of human beings
 - B. the importance of the freedom of an individual's expression of thought and belief
 - C. the beauty of nature
 - D. the inherent readiness to fight to protect one's own property and family

10. Read the following excerpt from Hawthorne's story, "Young Goodman Brown." Then answer the question that follows.

"'Poor little Faith!' thought he, for his heart smote him. 'What a wretch am I to leave her on such an errand! She talks of dreams, too. Me thought as she spoke there was trouble in her face, as if a dream had warned her what work is to be done tonight. But no, no; 'twould kill her to think it. Well, she's a blessed angel on earth; and after this one night I'll cling to her skirts and follow her to heaven.'

"With this excellent resolve for the future, Goodman Brown felt himself justified in making more haste on his present evil purpose."

According to this excerpt, which of the following is a significant theme of "Young Goodman Brown"?

- A. the beauty of nature
 - B. depending on one's family
 - C. secret sin
 - D. the irony of death
 - E. personal failure
11. In *The Crucible*, who dislikes Elizabeth and wants to destroy her?
- A. John
 - B. Reverend Hale
 - C. Abigail
 - D. Tituba
12. Which one of the following people is *not* accused of being a witch?
- A. Tituba
 - B. Sarah Good
 - C. Goody Nurse
 - D. Abigail

For questions 13 and 14, choose **A** if the sentence uses correct capitalization and punctuation; choose **B** if it does not.

13. Texas is the largest state in the south.
14. On December 8, 1941, the United States declared war on Japan.

For question 15, choose **A** if the first word in parentheses is correct; choose **B** if the second word is correct.

15. I could not (accept, except) his offer of \$50 for my old car.

Answer Key for CBE Sample Exam

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| 1. D | 9. D |
| 2. B | 10. C |
| 3. A | 11. C |
| 4. C | 12. D |
| 5. D | 13. B |
| 6. B | 14. A |
| 7. D | 15. A |
| 8. A | |